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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

INFO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT:NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE 1975 STUDY GROUP VISIT TO

AFRICA

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 26771; (B) STATE 280519

1. NWC HAD PLANNED TO VISIT UPPER VOLTA THIS YEAR AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL AFRICAN STUDY. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO SEE SAHEL DROUGHT REGION AS 1974 GROUP FOUND SIMILAR VISIT TO MALI HIGHLY VALUABLE AND INFORMATIVE. SINCE TRIP PLANS WERE FORMED IN EARLY AUTUMN BORDER DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN UV AND MALI HAVE FLARED CAUSING AMBASSADORS GRAHAM AND MCGUIRE TO FEAR THAT A VISIT TO ONE NATION WITHOUT AN

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OFFSETTING VISIT TO THE OTHER WOULD RUN RISK OF BEING

PREJUDICIAL. WE SHARE THEIR ASSESSMENT BUT TIME WILL NOT ALLOW STOPS IN BOTH PLACES. EVEN SO, WE WISH TO BE RESPONSIVE TO NWC INTEREST IN VISITING SAHEL.

2. FOR THIS REASON REF TELS HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO YOU FOR ACTION WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN IF YOU BELIEVE IT FEASIBLE THAT AN NWC VISIT TO NIAMEY CAN BE SCHEDULED IN THE TIME SHOWN IN REF (B) FOR OUGADOUGOU. IF YOU SEE PROBLEMS WITH A POSSIBLE VISIT, PLEASE EXPLAIN. IF YOU TAKE ACTION, PLEASE PROVIDE INFO REQUIRED PARA 7, REF(B) FIRST. INGERSOLL

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